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17 July 1956

The Honorable Harry P. Sheppard House of Representatives Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter which I am sending to Chairman Cannon relating to the Senate Appropriations Committee Report on the appropriation for the new Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building (Senate Report 2580). I am sending an identical letter to Chairman Hayden of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

I sincerely hope that you will find an opportunity to consider the substance of this letter prior to the meeting of the Conference Committee on the Supplemental Appropriations Act. As I indicated in my letter to the Chairman, I feel that compliance with the restrictive language in the Senate Committee Report would jeopardise our entire building project. You will note that I have suggested language for inclusion in the Conference Report which I hope will express the intent of the Conference and still allow me to proceed without further serious delay on the construction of an adequate building for our people.

Sincerely.

Allen W. Dulles Director

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